

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0591

Title: Generally revise FWP laws; conform law, enforce practices; game rules; disabled

Primary

Sponsor: Matt Brainard

Status: As introduced

Sponsor:	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	7,125	7,125
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The 93 Fish, Wildlife and Parks sworn peace officers (game wardens) serve about 40 search warrants each year averaging four hours each.
2. Wardens seize approximately 500 unlawfully taken game animals per year.
3. If animals may only be seized after a trial with a search warrant, it is estimated that wardens will spend an average of four additional hours for 500 seizures resulting in approximately 2,000 hours redirected from current responsibilities.
4. Travel for each seizure is estimated to average 50 miles @ \$.285/mile or \$14.25 for 500 seizures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	7,125	7,125
<u>Funding:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	7,125	7,125
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(7,125)	(7,125)

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

County sheriffs will be required to accompany the game warden after court action to seize unlawfully taken game animals. Approximately 2,000 hours of county staff time will need to be added or redirected to comply.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Section 2 (1)(d) of the bill provides that illegally taken animals may only be seized after a finding by a court. This means that a person who forfeits bond would not lose their illegally taken game, but someone who chooses to go to court would.
2. Section 2(1)(e) would also allow only the taking of evidence which is needed for a criminal trial after the adjudication. At this time, the evidence would no longer be usable or necessary.